

STATE MUST HAVE LARGER REVENUES

Finance Committee Files Its Report in Senate.

TWO HOUSES HOLD BRIEF SESSIONS

Canvass of Votes Is Deferred.
Committee Unwilling to Take
Backward Step or to Present
Measure Which Would
Bankrupt Treasury.
Many New Bills.

Hoping to be spared the necessity of reporting a bill which would retard the rapid progress which the State has made during the past few years, the Senate Finance Committee, in a report presented to the Senate yesterday morning, says that it does not believe it expedient or proper, in the present emergency, to take a backward step or to present a measure which would bankrupt the Treasury. The report frankly recognizes the inability of the committee to comply with the terms of the resolution, requiring it to prepare the appropriate bill proper without increase of salary or annuity, that would not decrease the present appropriation for these purposes, if framed so as to carry no greater sums than are warranted by the present sources of revenue of the Commonwealth. It is recognized that with the present high cost of living, to materially decrease the appropriations of any of these departments or institutions, or to reduce the salaries of the comparatively few officials who are not protected by constitutional provisions, would seriously cripple and embarrass many of them.

Increases Are Necessary.

The recent careful and painstaking investigation into the needs of the departments and institutions has convinced the committee that necessary increases must be made which will amount to \$275,000 for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 1910.

Besides, the committee says, much more than this increase could be profitably expended. A large part of this is for the care of the insane in the State Hospital, and for the relief of the congested and overcrowded jails, and for the removal of the epileptic insane into new quarters, which must be provided.

In pursuance of its conclusions, the committee has prepared a bill, not introduced as a measure, which it is subject to such revision as may seem good to the House, or as may be warranted by the passage of acts for the increase of the public revenues. Bills to this effect have been prepared and will be reported by the committee. The bill is in the present shape, says the committee's report, "upon the estimated receipts under existing laws for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1911, would cause a large deficit." The bill is that of the last session.

Senate Too Precious.

Short sessions were held in both houses yesterday, the Senate being on the job only fifteen minutes and the House forty-five minutes. The House passed a joint resolution providing that the Assembly meet in joint session at 12:30 yesterday for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and other State officials, but the Senate adjourned before this measure was passed, and it will be necessary to enact a similar resolution to-day. A joint resolution passed the House urging the city of Richmond to maintain the John Marshall home.

Important measures introduced in the Senate were a bill providing for a tax commission, a bill allowing cities and towns to spend money for good roads outside their limits, and a measure to provide a State Female Normal School at Lebanon, Russell county. The House, after the most striking legislation proposed by this measure, passed a bill for the establishment of a Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and a measure aimed at the Oil Company and kindred organizations.

Senate Committee.

The Senate steering committee has not yet completed its selection of Senators to be elected. They will be announced to-morrow.

Of course, by far the most important business of the day was the presentation of the printed report of the Senate Finance Committee, through its chairman, Senator Kezler. This committee began its sessions in Richmond on December 13, and, with the exception of a recess for the holidays, worked hard on its hearings and in formulating a report, until the day before the session of the General Assembly began. Just what the committee would report no one knew, and the document was received with the greatest interest.

For the most part, the members of the Legislature think the committee acted wisely, considering the heavy demands and the depleted condition of the State Treasury. In not formulating a bill which would take care of all the needs, when such a course, without corresponding legislation designed to increase revenues, would have bankrupted the Treasury, its action was equally wise, the members think, in not making sweeping reductions in appropriations, thus taking a backward step in the march of progress with which the Commonwealth has been keeping step for the past few years.

SHORT HOUSE SESSION

General Election Vote Not Canvassed as Resolution Provided.
Upon the opening of the House yesterday the sergeant-at-arms ordered

WORST OF WINTER

Atlantic Steamship Lane Swept by Heavy Storm.

New York, January 13.—Wireless reports received to-day indicate that the Atlantic steamship lane is swept by severe storms, which have worked havoc on at least one ocean liner.

The worst sufferer so far as reported, is the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, which, according to the dispatches, put into Plymouth with her port rail torn away for a distance of 50 feet by a wave that caught and threw down a score of passengers, who were on deck. The ship, it is said, is quite badly hurt. The giant comb almost threw the ship on her beam ends, but she rose hard on her side, and the rest of the storm without further injury. Her captain declared the tempest the worst he had ever encountered.

Another vessel in the track of the storm is the Cunard liner Lusitania, due here to-day, but reported running through heavy seas and twelve hours late. The St. Louis of the American line, due Wednesday evening, is two days late.

Rough weather tidings are coming from other liners, and all accounts agree that the weather in the track of the big storm is the worst of the winter. No apprehension, however, is felt for the safety of any of the crossing vessels.

FURTHER TESTS

Government Will Give Wireless Apparatus Another Try-Out.

Washington, D. C., January 13.—The wireless apparatus which the Government is testing for a trip to South America waters for a further test of the wireless telegraph apparatus with which they have been equipped. The first test, which took place in the Atlantic off the Virginia capes, was only partially successful. Many modifications are being made by the contractor in the apparatus with a view to insuring communication from the ships to the wireless station at Brant Rock, Mass., at a distance of 3,000 miles from the shore. The second test, however, the ships will be only 2,000 miles from Brant Rock. Later they will go to the African coast, if the apparatus works acceptably at that distance.

Lieutenant Sweet, who has immediate charge of the wireless telegraph experiment of the navy, left Washington to-night to inspect the ships before their departure.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING BURNS

Association Loses \$200,000 by Fire in Boston.

Boston, Mass., January 13.—The Boston Young Men's Christian Association building, at the corner of Boylston and Berkeley streets in the Back Bay, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early to-day, entailing a loss of more than \$200,000. A fireman was injured, and seriously, by falling from a ladder.

Fireman Joseph Wood, in trying to control a runaway nozzle, fell and received a severe blow on the head and contusions about the body.

Notre Dame Academy, on Berkeley and Providence streets, closed its doors to-day, as the building was threatened several times. The Young Men's Christian Association building, at the time it was erected, was a five-story brick structure.

HE MAY KNOW NOW

"Poughkeepsie Seer" Who Told of Future Life, Is Dead.

Boston, Mass., January 13.—Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, of this city, who years ago attained a worldwide reputation as an author and lecturer on spiritualism, died to-day. Davis, who was known as the "Poughkeepsie Seer," was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1826. While a young man he developed wonderful clairvoyant powers, and, after deep training, he declared, conversed with spirits, receiving from them the information as to a future life.

For many years he held the position of the representative spiritualist of the world. He was a prolific writer, and dealt with the most abstruse subjects.

CHARGED WITH ARSON

Cousins Are Held for Attempting to Burn Hotel.

Atlanta, Ga., January 13.—Charged with arson in attempting to burn the Poughkeepsie Hotel, right at the corner of the fire, but all escaped in their night clothing.

The Edge boys, aged twenty-one and twenty-two, are said to have taken out additional heavy insurance on their stock of cigars and sundries in the hotel, and for this reason suspected.

In several places the building was saturated with oil and fired, but the structure was saved by heroic work on the part of the townpeople.

NIGHT RIDERS RESTLESS

Trouble Feared, Following Jury's Failure to Render Verdict.

Union City, Tenn., January 13.—The local law enforcement authorities are apparently emboldened by the recent failure of a jury to render a verdict against alleged leaders of the band of night riders who have been terrorizing the country within fifteen miles of the city.

The notices have caused considerable uneasiness and unrest in the lake country.

GIFT IS ACCEPTED

Yale Will Purchase Hill House Property With Mrs. Sage's Money.

New Haven, Conn., January 13.—The gift of \$50,000 by Mrs. Russell Sage to Yale University for the purchase of the Hill House property here was formally accepted by the trustees of the university to-day. In appreciation of the gift, all but a small portion of the property, which is situated in the city, will be set aside as a park, will be named the Pearson-Sage Square. Three acres, which will be set aside as a park, will be named the Hill House Park after the former owners of the property.

CLINIC FOR ANIMALS

Women Pitch In and Do What Men Would Not.

New York, Jan. 13.—A free clinic for horses, dogs and cats has been established in New York by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mrs. Speyer, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the society, made the announcement to-day. "The men wouldn't do it," said Mrs. Speyer, "so we just pitched in and did it ourselves, and now the clinic is ready."

CHAMBER ELECTS WOOD PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting Gets Gratifying Report of Past Year's Work.

BUSINESS SHOWS GREAT INCREASE

Retiring President Williams
Urges Constant Vigilance
Against Attacks on Freight
Rates—Commends Plan
to Unite Richmond and
Manchester.

Reviewing the work of the institution for the year just passed, retiring President F. D. Williams showed by actual figures before the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night that 1909 had been the most prosperous year in its history. Comparison for the last ten years showed that membership had increased 50 per cent, income 162 per cent, and expenses, due to wider scope and influence, 150.8 per cent.

"But," continued Mr. Williams, "its growth in influence and in accomplishment is far greater than the above figures show and may be regarded as in part the cause and not the sequence of the city's rapid growth." He also quoted from the manufacturing and jobbing interests, reported by the chamber at the opening of the year, all of which indicated commensurate increases.

To Watch Freight Rates.

Concerning railroad and terminal services Mr. Williams said: "While Richmond, through its position and water rates, does enjoy excellent and favorable rates in general, they can be preserved only by constant vigilance against inevitable changes and attacks inspired by competing cities or promulgated by 'unwise' interests."

He attributes the present quietude as to rate changes to be largely due to the still undefined limits of power of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Increased switching charges, he said, were the only serious disadvantage to the city, adding that the railroads had hesitated and shown inconsistency, leaving the matter pending.

In retiring Mr. Williams strongly recommended the continued fight for better terminal facilities, the extension of Manchester and the carrying forward of all the work in which the Chamber of Commerce has been so conspicuous during the year. The other reports were referred to the board of directors.

By unanimous vote Henry W. Wood, for the last two years first vice-president, was elected to succeed Mr. Williams as president of the chamber. The other officers, none of whom had any opposition, were:

First Vice-President, Tazewell M. Carrington; Second Vice-President, William T. Reed; Secretary, R. A. Dunlop; Business Manager, William T. Dabney; Treasurer, John H. Montague; Board of Directors—W. M. Adams, S. T. Beveridge, Charles E. Borden, Frank W. Brown, James E. Cannon, R. S. Tuck, R. S. Christian, Samuel Cohen, John G. Corley, O. Herbert Funsten, T. Peyton Giles, E. C. Laird, R. M. Galloway, R. V. Courtrie, Coleman Wortham, John M. Miller, Jr., Fritz Sitterling, R. L. Powers, Robert Whitte, Warren P. Taylor, Henry W. McVey, H. W. Ellerson, J. E. Ryland, Leon Wallerstein and Alvin H. Smith.

Motor.

Dr. W. Robinson and other citizens of Essex county appeared before the meeting in behalf of a project to run a motor car line from Tappahannock to Mirford, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, directly to this city. They stated that the company they wished to capitalize would require from \$3,000 to \$10,000, and that the line would place Richmond in communication by freight and mail with more than 50,000 persons living in the county and progressive sections of the State. They asked for the moral support of the Chamber and the financial backing of its members.

James R. Gordon said that he was going to take the stock, and influence to have the line run direct to this city. Inasmuch as this city is now enjoying but little of the trade of that section, which is for a long part of the year, it is practically assured that they will give the scheme their support and probably take the majority of stock, believing that the move will result in a few years in the establishment of a railroad into this section. The Chamber pledged its support.

To Help Insurance Rate.

The Chamber passed a resolution offered by L. Z. Morris indorsing the standardization of the fire department, and regular meetings of call men as at present, thus decreasing the insurance rate of the city.

A committee composed of Judge George L. Christian, H. L. Cabell, James Caskie, Wyndham Meredith, James R. Gordon, General Charles J. Anderson and E. D. T. Meyers, Jr., was appointed to appear before the Council and ask that something be done to ward the preservation of the John Marshall house and property, condemned by the Building Department. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the plan for the government ownership of embassies and for appointing a committee to take charge of the proposed city and government work on the river and water front.

New Members.

New members were elected as follows: American Terminal and Warehouse Company, B. A. Blenner, Brooks, Moncure & Carter, Dryfus & Co., J. V. Curran & Carter, J. R. Goods & Son, Robert M. Jeffries, Evening Journal Company, Incorporated, J. Herbert Mercer, Old Dominion Hide and Fur Company, John B. Pugh, A. Catton Parker, Nicholson & Crutcher, George Miller, Ashton Starke, Virginia Carolina Supply Company, Virginia Railway and Power Company.

Work on James River.

Following is the report of the committee on James River, acting jointly with the municipal committee:

"Much activity now prevails on the

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WELFARE COMMITTEE FILES CHARGES AGAINST BARRINGER

Board Asked to Remove President of Virginia Polytechnic.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES IN MARCH

Serious Nature of Allegations, in Board's Opinion, Demands Full Inquiry—Claimed That Attendance Rolls Were Pad-ded—Dr. Barringer to Reply.

Serious charges against Dr. Paul B. Barringer, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, were filed with the board of visitors of that institution yesterday by the welfare committee of the General Alumni Association. While the text of the charges was not made public, the report called for the removal of Dr. Barringer from office, the welfare committee taking the ground that no man who is guilty of what they assert to be true has a right to remain at the head of a public institution of learning.

Besides personal charges, the report alleges that the president's reports have shown padded attendance statistics, and have given other information calculated to mislead the board, and to keep the members in ignorance as to real conditions.

Dr. Barringer said to The Times-Dispatch last night that he could and would answer all of the charges made, and that his reply in writing, with documentary evidence to sustain his statements, will be ready for the next meeting of the board, to be held at Blacksburg on March 1.

Welfare Committee Reports.

The whole matter was under consideration throughout the day, the board sitting in the courtroom of the State Corporation Commission. At a meeting of the Alumni Association held at Blacksburg last night, a welfare committee, headed by Lawrence Priddy, of New York, was named to examine into the affairs of the institution and make certain representations to the board.

The report presented was signed by twenty-five members, all but two of whom were named. Three members of the welfare committee, who are also members of the board, were not asked to sign the paper.

The report of the welfare committee contained forty-five typewritten pages, and was taken up largely with charges against the president in support of the charge that the board has been misled as to actual conditions, both as to attendance and curriculum. Besides the board and members of the welfare committee, there were invited to be present a number of members of the Finance Committee of the Senate and House, otherwise the meeting was private. Newspaper men and visitors were admitted, and no direct or official statement was made at the close, beyond the statement that full investigation would be made by the board at the meeting held in March.

Barringer to Answer.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report, which occupied several hours, President L. E. Johnson, of the Norfolk and Western Railway, a member of the board of visitors, took the ground that the charges brought by the committee representing the Alumni Association were of a serious character, and that no board under such circumstances could refuse to take cognizance of them. He, therefore, moved that at a meeting to be held at Blacksburg, March 25, President Barringer be called on for a formal answer in writing, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Some of the members of the welfare committee took the ground that that was too long a time to wait, in view of the imminence of the situation, and the imminent danger of the present Legislature reducing State aid or cutting off the support of the institution. Members of the board, after discussion, concluded that the charges were of a serious nature and involved so broad a field that Dr. Barringer should have that length of time to correspond with persons involved, and gather the evidence necessary to support his defense. A further resolution was adopted directing President Barringer to place in the hands of Chairman Priddy, of the welfare committee, not later than five days before the meeting at Blacksburg, a copy of his reply, with the evidence attached, so that all parties may be fully prepared to go into an investigation at once.

May Have Legislative Inquiry.

Members of the board do not deny that a legislative investigation of the institution is imminent. Members of the General Assembly have frankly stated that unless the board ordered a full inquiry at once a resolution of a special committee to make a thorough examination and report be further State funds are expended at Blacksburg. While the charges are admitted of a serious nature, they do not involve any misappropriation of funds or embezzlement, and for that reason some friends of the institution have taken the ground that at this stage the matter was more properly to be handled directly by the board of visitors than of the Legislature, especially so far as they involve policy and management. Others contend that charges of misadministration of the affairs of a State institution should be handled directly and promptly by the Legislature.

Widely Divergent Accounts.

While none of the principals involved will make any direct statement for publication, widely divergent accounts are given by friends of the welfare committee alleging a most serious situation, which may result in a complete withdrawal of State support from the school. Friends of the president, however, differ on a question of policy, that Dr. Barringer's efforts to build up an agricultural college have

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DR. PAUL B. BARRINGER.

SEEKS HIGHER RATE FOR CONVICT HIRE

FULL CONFESSION MADE BY LAMPHERE

Senator Holt Says Wage of Murderer Told How He Killed
Felon Is Quickly Raised
With Freedom.

Guinness Family and Robbed House.

TO MAKE CHANGE IN BOARD

PAID PENALTY WITH LIFE

New Law May Reduce Number of Members Appointed From Richmond.

Story of Crimes in Place of Death Related to Minister.

Important changes affecting the penitentiary will probably be proposed by Senator Saxen W. Holt, of Newport News, during the present session of the Legislature. Among these will be a limitation of the number of Richmond members on the Penitentiary Board, a different method of awarding the shoe contract, and requirement of a larger remuneration for the services of the convicts employed in manufacturing.

Should Get Higher Rate.

In view of these facts, Senator Holt believes that the State should raise the wage of a convict from \$1.00 to \$1.25. If the contract with the Davis Shoe Company is renewed by the next Legislature or by the present one, Mr. Holt wishes the State to add to its already low revenue by receiving the full amount to which it is entitled.

"I favor the advertisement of bids and the fullest efforts to secure competitive bids so that the State may get the highest possible rate for its convict labor," said Senator Holt.

The Senator from Newport News is not opposed to the employment of convicts on the roads, but stated that he felt that a certain number would always be kept at the penitentiary under the present law and that some employment would, of course, have to be given these, so that his proposition does not necessarily conflict with the road work.

"A Close Corporation."

"I also expect to propose amendment to the present law regarding the selection of members of the Penitentiary Board," he said. While the Richmond members are doubtless estimable gentlemen, still they too closely resemble a close corporation in their public acts. The recent selection of a Richmond member of the board as superintendent was a notable example of the spirit of the Constitution and of every legislative enactment of this Commonwealth.

"I wish to have other parts of the State represented on this important board. It is a board in which the citizens of the State should be fully represented by Richmond, and I think Richmond ought to have not more than two members at the most on the board. The whole State is entitled to a stronger voice in the affairs and acts of the Penitentiary Board."

Acceptance Date Fixed.

Washington, D. C., January 13.—The House agreed to a resolution, introduced to-day by Representative Finley, of South Carolina, fixing March 12 as the date of the ceremonies for the formal acceptance by Congress of the statue of John C. Calhoun. The statue is the offering of South Carolina to the State's Hall of Fame in the Capitol.

Memorial to Mr. Laffan.

New Haven, Conn., January 13.—A gift of \$100,000 from J. P. Morgan for the establishment of the William M. Laffan—professorship of Assyriology and Babylonian Literature at Yale University, was received by the Yale corporation at its meeting to-day and accepted. The gift is a memorial to Mr. Laffan, editor of the New York Sun, who recently died.

LEADERS TENDER OLIVE BRANCH TO WARRING SOLONS

Even "Uncle Joe" Shows Signs of Coaxing Peace.

TAFT IS TALKING IN GENTLER TONE

Insurgents Assured That They
Are Still Republicans and Their
Presence Is Cordially Desired
at Party Caucus—Some
Work May Now
Be Done.

Washington, D. C., January 13.—Following President Taft's advice to the Republicans in Congress yesterday "to stop quarrelling and get down to the party legislative program as quickly as possible," there were concrete evidences to-day of a definite attempt to bring the warring factions together upon some basis of at least a temporary understanding. There seemed for the first time in this session to be a spirit of conciliation from all sides, and decidedly less of the bitterness of the past few weeks.

President Taft let it be known that he still considers all the insurgents as Republicans. Speaker Cannon announced that all Republicans would be invited to the caucus, and naming the Ballinger-Pinchot committee week, and he hoped all would attend. Representative Hayes, of California, one of the leading insurgents, made two trips to the White House, as a result of which he announced that attempts to adjust matters were under way.

In his talks with Representative Hayes and other callers to-day, the President said that he was not withholding patronage from any Republican Senator or member of Congress because of votes cast against Speaker Cannon and against the rule of the House or against the Payne-Adair tariff bill.

If, however, there are any among the insurgents who intend to carry their fight against the Speaker and against the rules to the extent of opposing purely administrative and party measures, to which no party is pledged, the President will no longer regard them as Republicans, but as having clearly arrayed themselves against the party. Under these circumstances, he declares, he would now be justified in recognizing any claims for patronage from Senators and Representatives who would use the very patronage given them as ammunition against the party.

Mr. Taft is said to be satisfied with the way matters are progressing, and he has received many personal assurances that most of the so-called insurgents will support the administrative measures.

BILL IS PASSED

Appropriation of \$5,617,200 for Fortifications Carried in House.

Washington, D. C., January 13.—The House of Representatives to-day passed the fortifications appropriation bill carrying \$5,617,200.

The Senate, while it spent no money, put in more than two hours in discussion as to whether it should allow about \$4,000,000 worth of claims of additional salaries to certain postmasters who served during the decade from 1864 to 1874. Senator Penrose attacked the proposition as the work of claim agents.

Injected into a discussion in the House over the destruction of about a thousand tons of old and worthless documents. Among them were messages to Congress from both Republican and Democratic Presidents. This fact brought forth comment, both humorous and serious, as to the value of these documents, which, however, were ordered to be consigned to the waste pile. Politics, including Democratic references to former President Roosevelt as "the late lamented" and "the absent one," was injected into the debate.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, convulsed the House by declaring that in the million or more pamphlets were approximately 19,000 copies of messages of former President Roosevelt to the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth Congresses. "Documents," Mr. Fitzgerald added, "that must be burned, and that are precious and highly prized but a short time ago. They are messages of one who, though now absent, can never be forgotten in this august assemblage."

Mr. Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, suggested that these copies left undistributed by Mr. Fitzgerald should be given to the Democratic members, and Mr. Fitzgerald replied that it seemed to require special effort to force Mr. Roosevelt's messages into the hands of the people.

Replying to a suggestion that there were many more copies of the messages, Mr. Fitzgerald said he supposed that at some time the Democrats must have entertained the "same sincere affection" for Mr. Cleveland as the Republicans entertain for the "absent late lamented President, whose presence in Africa is so pleasing and his return so much feared."

"You are equally afraid to send out the Cleveland and the Roosevelt messages," declared Mr. Mann, of Illinois.

CASE IS ARGUED

Fate of Oberlin M. Carter Now Rests With Supreme Court.

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